

# Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2014-15 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 5, 2015

## MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA

Water in this area remained open as of Sunday afternoon however most of the birds that were sitting in the creek have moved to other locations. Access into the parking areas are becoming difficult to get to with the blowing and drifting snow, however the south route into the south parking area should remain open. The route from the north to the south parking area is blocked in several places, directions to get to the south parking lot are. 3 miles south on 281<sup>st</sup> Ave then west 2 miles on 191<sup>st</sup> St. then north 2 miles on 279<sup>th</sup> Ave and west on 190<sup>th</sup> St. Access into the north parking is blocked by snow at the main gravel road at the intersection of 188<sup>th</sup> St. and 279 Ave.

## REGISTRATION AREA

Hunting in the decoy-only registration fields continues to improve with hunters doing well this past week and weekend even with the cold and windy conditions. The colder temperatures have helped with the birds going to fields to feed making it much easier to get a pattern on the birds.

To view the status of areas open or closed to hunting along with the types of crops in the fields at the bottom of the Lower Oahe page or by downloading the app to your smart phone.

## PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooters had a good weekend with geese and ducks flying out low giving some great opportunities for those that could handle the cold.

## SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The solid green area west of 1804 continues to have hunters in them on a regular basis with some days being much better than others. The solid and striped green area east of Grey Goose Road continued to have a few flocks working in and around the fields last week. The striped green area in Stanley County remains slow with hunter reports coming in that the birds have not been making their way into the fields on a regular basis. Access into all of these areas remains good.

## SUMMARY

The water in the Mail Shack creek area remains open as of Sunday afternoon however the birds that have been in this area moved out last week with only a few remaining. The decoy only registration fields continue to have birds in and around them giving the hunters some great opportunities. Reports coming in are that the birds continue to decoy well into their spreads. **The decoy loaner trailers have continued to be busy this month with them being used most weekends and several of the week days. The doodle pages to reserve these trailers are updated each Sunday; the page allows hunters to reserve the trailers up to two weeks in advance. Information about the trailers and how to reserve them along with the liability waiver that will need to be filled out and signed can be found on the Lower Oahe Waterfowl page below the link to this report.** Pass Shooters had a good weekend harvesting ducks and geese with the cold and windy conditions helping to make the birds fly out much lower than the past week. The solid green areas west of 1804 have continued to be good on most days. Reports from the solid and striped green areas east of Grey Goose Road are that there have been a few flocks working around them but no hunter reports on success. The striped green area in Stanley County continues to be slow with hunter reports coming in from this area that the birds are hard to predict when or if they will go that way. Hunters are reminded to be courteous of others already in these areas.

**The High Plains duck season remains open with the closing date for that being January 15, 2015.**

**Information about the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt on January 16, 17, 18 2015 can be found at the bottom of this report.**



# 25th Annual Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt January 16-18

The Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt is a free waterfowl hunt held in Pierre, for youth hunters ages 12-15. There is an information meeting held on Friday, Jan 16. The hunt will take place Saturday and Sunday mornings.

How To Seminars by industry pro staffers, Saturday meals, and prizes for all youth hunters!

**When:** Jan. 16-18, 2015

- Jan 16- Informational meeting starting at 7 pm at the Pierre Ramkota
- Jan 17 - Day 1 hunt
- Jan 17 - Instructional Seminars starting at 7 pm at the Pierre Ramkota
- Jan 18 - Day 2 hunt

**Where:** Pierre, SD

**Who:** Boys and Girls between the ages of 12-15

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**Space is limited!**

The Ramkota is offering reduced room rates  
for youth hunters!